

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PUR-
POSE OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NECESSARY
BUILDINGS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS
AND ALSO FOR BUILDINGS OF VARIOUS
INSTITUTIONS, AND AUTHORIZING IM-
PROVEMENT BONDS FOR THE PUR-
POSE OF NAVIGATION, IRRIGA-
TION, CONSTRUCTION OF
BRIDGES AND THE MAIN-
TENANCE AND OPER-
ATION OF PUBLIC
WAREHOUSES.

S. J. R. No. 18.]

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION.

To be entitled a joint resolution proposing and submitting to a vote of the people of Texas an amendment to Sections 49 and 52 of Article 3 of the Constitution, authorizing the issuance of bonds and the levying of a tax to pay the interest and sinking fund on same for public improvements.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. That Sections 49 and 52 of Article 3 of the Constitution of Texas be amended so as to hereafter read as follows, to wit:

Section 49. No debt shall be created by or on behalf of the State except to supply casual deficiencies of revenue, repel invasion, suppress insurrection and defend the State in war or pay existing debts, and no debt created to supply deficiencies in current revenues shall ever exceed in the aggregate at any one time \$500,000.00. The Legislature however shall have power to authorize the issuance of bonds to be approved by the Governor for the purpose of purchasing additional ground and erect necessary buildings for the University of Texas including a medical department an Agricultural and Mechanical College and all departments and activities of a complete university of the first class. The revenue received from the permanent University fund shall be available for the payment of interest on these bonds and for the creation of a sinking fund for their redemption at maturity and the Legislature shall also have power to issue bonds for the construction of necessary buildings for State institutions. The Legislature shall also have the power to authorize the issuance of bonds secured by lien on the real property of the penitentiary system to be approved by the Governor for the purpose of constructing buildings and making permanent improvements.

Section 52. The Legislature shall have no power to authorize any county, city, town or other political corporation or subdivision of the State to lend its credit or to grant public money or thing of value in aid of or to any individual association or corporation whatsoever or to become a stockholder in such corporation, association or company; provided, however, that under legislature provisions any county, any political subdivision of a county, any number of adjoining counties or any political sub-division of the State or any defined district now or hereafter to be described and defined within the State of Texas and which may or may not include towns, villages or municipal corporations upon a vote of a majority of the resident property taxpayers voting thereon who are qualified electors of such district or territory to be effected thereby in

addition to all other debts may issue bonds or otherwise lend its credit in any amount not to exceed one-fourth of the assessed valuation of the real property of such district or territory, except in case of improvement of rivers, creeks, and streams, in building of levees to prevent overflows, in which case the bonded indebtedness may be for an amount not to exceed one-half of the assessed valuation of the lands of the district to be reclaimed; and, except, further, that the total bonded indebtedness of any city or town shall never exceed the limits imposed by other provisions of this Constitution, and levy and collect such taxes to pay the interest thereon and provide a sinking fund for the redemption thereof as the Legislature may authorize and in such manner as it may authorize the same for the following purposes, to wit:

(a) The improvement of rivers, creeks and streams to prevent overflows, and to permit of navigation thereof or irrigation therefrom or in aid of such purposes.

(b) The construction and maintenance of pools, lakes, reservoirs, dams, canals and waterways for the purposes of irrigation, drainage or navigation or in aid thereof.

(c) The construction, maintenance and operation of bridges and macadamized, graveled, sandy-clay, or clayed-sand or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof.

(d) The construction, maintenance and operation of public warehouses or in aid thereof.

SEC. 2. The foregoing amendment to Section 49 and 52 of Article 3 of the Constitution of Texas shall be submitted to the qualified electors of this State for adoption or rejection at a special election hereby ordered for the third Saturday in July, 1913, the same being the nineteenth day of said month. All voters on this proposed amendment at said election who favor its adoption shall have printed or written on their ballots the following:

For amendment to Sections 49 and 52 of Article 3, of the Constitution, authorizing the issuance of bonds for the University of Texas, Agricultural and Mechanical College, State Penitentiary System, and other public improvements and building of warehouses, for agricultural products.

Those voting against its adoption shall have written or printed on their ballots the following:

Against amendment to Sections 49 and 52, of Article 3, of the Constitution, authorizing the issuance of bonds for the University of Texas, Agricultural and Mechanical College, State Penitentiary System, and other public improvements and building of warehouses, for agricultural products.

Previous to the election the Secretary of State shall cause to be printed and forwarded to the county judge of each county for use in said election, a sufficient number of ballots for the use of voters in each county on which he shall have printed the form of the ballot herein prescribed, for the convenient use of the voters.

SEC. 3. The Governor of the State if hereby directed to issue his necessary proclamation ordering this election, and have same published as required by the Constitution and laws of the State. The sum of five thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated out of any fund in the State Treasury not other-

wise appropriated to defray the expenses of publishing said proclamation and printing of tickets and necessary blanks to use in said election.

[NOTE.—S. J. R. No. 18 passed the Senate with amendments by a two-thirds vote, yeas 21, nays 3, and Senate concurred in House amendments by a two-thirds vote, yeas 27, nays 2; and was passed by the House of Representatives with amendments by a two-thirds vote, yeas 113, nays 2.]

Approved March 25, 1913.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION
PROVIDING ALL STATE, DISTRICT, COUNTY AND PRE-
CINCT OFFICERS WITHIN THIS STATE SHALL BE
COMPENSATED BY THE PAYMENT OF A
FIXED SALARY.**

H. J. R. No. 41.] HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION.

A Joint Resolution of the Legislature of the State of Texas, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State by adding to Article 16 thereof a new Section to be known as Section 58, providing for the tenure and compensation of public officials.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. That there be added to Article 16 of the Constitution of the State of Texas a new Section to be known as Section 58, which shall read as follows:

Section 58. All state, district, county and precinct officers within the State of Texas hereinafter be compensated by the payment of a salary to be fixed or provided for by the Legislature.

SEC. 2. The Governor of this State will, as directed by the Constitution, make publication of this proposed amendment in the manner and for the time as required by the Constitution, the amendment to be voted upon by the qualified electors for members of the Legislature of this State at the general election to be held for State officers on July 19, 1913, the returns of which shall, as provided for in the Constitution, be made to the Secretary of State, the result ascertained and proclamation made as provided for in Section 1, Article 17 of the Constitution. There shall be written or printed on the ballots to be used at such election "for the adoption of Section 58, Article 16, as an amendment to the Constitution, providing a salary compensation for certain officers and fixing their term of office at four years"; and also "against the adoption of Section 58, Article 16, as an amendment to the Constitution for certain officers and fixing their term of office at four years"; and those favoring the adoption of said amendment shall erase the language "against the adoption of Section 58, Article 16, as an amendment to the Constitution, providing a salary compensation for certain officers and fixing their term of office at four years," by running a pencil or pen through the same, and those opposing the adoption of said amendment shall erase the language "for the adoption of Section 58, Article 16, as an amendment to the Constitution, providing a salary compensation for certain officers and fixing their term of office at four years," by running a pencil or pen through the same.